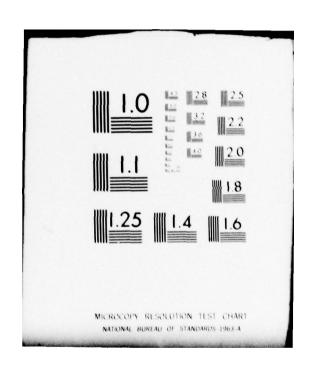
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This report cites results of a technical investigation as to the dam's adequacy. The inspection and evaluation of the dam is as prescribed by the National Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367. The technical investigation includes visual inspection, review of available design and construction records, and preliminary structural and hydraulic and hydrologic calculations, as applicable. An assessment of the dam's general condition is included in the report.

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- 1. Inclosed is the Phase I Inspection Report for Picatinny Lake Dam, Picatinny Arsenal, Morris County, New Jersey which has been prepared for the U.S. Army Engineer District, Philadelphia. A brief assessment of the dam's condition is given in the front of the report.
- Based on visual inspection, available records, calculations and past operational performance, Picatinny Lake Dam, a high hazard potential structure, is judged to be in good overall condition. The dam's spillway is considered inadequate since 7 percent of the Spillway Design Flood -- SDF - would overtop the dam. (The SDF, in this instance, is the Probable Maximum Flood). The decision to consider the spillway "inadequate" instead of "seriously inadequate" is based on the determination that dam failure resulting from overtopping would not significantly increase the hazard to loss of life downstream from the dam from that which would exist just before overtopping failure. To insure adequacy of the structure, the following actions, as a minimum, are recommended:
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- c. A complete topographic survey of the dam area should be made within twelve months from the date of approval of this report, in order to develop a detailed plan and several cross-sections of the dam. The location of utilities on the dam should be shown in the drawings, and any benchmarks shown.
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- (3) Investigate the embankment for animal burrows and fill in the burrows with a suitable material. Implement measures to prevent recurrence of burrowing.
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- (12) A formalized program of annual inspection of the dam should be initiated utilizing the standard visual check list in this report. Headwater and tailwater gages should be read out during severe rain storms and at routine operating and maintenance visits to the dam. A permanent log should be kept of all maintenance and operating events of the dam and the lake. Movement and settlement of the embankment should be monitored at each visit by means of surveying monuments, and discharge from the drain pipe should be measured, recorded and checked for discoloration.
- 3. Additional copies of this report may be obtained from the National Technical Information Services (NTIS), Springfield, Virginia, 22161 at a reasonable cost. Please allow four to six weeks from the date of this letter for NTIS to have copies of the report available.
- 4. An important aspect of the Dam Safety Program will be the implementation of the recommendations made as a result of the inspection. We accordingly request that we be advised of proposed actions taken to implement our recommendations.

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PICATINNY LAKE DAM (NJ00002)

CORPS OF ENGINEERS ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

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PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT

Name of Dam: Picatinny Lake, I.D. NJ00002

State Located: New Jersey

County Located: Morris County

Stream: Green Pond Brook

Date of Inspection: July 12, 1979

Assessment of General Condition

Picatinny Lake Dam is an earth-fill embankment, approximately 500 feet long and 15 feet high, having a gated concrete spillway and a concrete bulkhead wall on the upstream face. Picatinny Lake Dam is in good overall condition. There is no sign of distress of the embankment or spillway. The concrete and steel-work in the spillway have undergone minor surface deterioration, and operability of some of the flashboard gates is suspect. There is no low-level outlet. The hazard potential is rated as "high."

The adequacy of Picatinny Lake Dam is considered questionable in view of its lack of spillway capacity to pass one half the PMF without overtopping the dam. The spillway is capable of passing a flood equal to 6% of the PMF, and is assessed as "inadequate."

At present, the engineering data available is not sufficient to make a definitive statement on the stability of the dam. The following actions, therefore, are recommended along with a time-table for their completion. All recommended actions should be conducted under the supervision of an engineer who is experienced in the design, construction and inspection of dams.

- Develop and implement formal operational procedures containing guidelines on gate operation within twelve months.
- Establish a flood warning system for the downstream communities within three months.
- 3. Carry out a more precise hydrologic and hydraulic analysis of the dam within six months, to determine the need and type of mitigating measures necessary. Based on the results of these studies, remedial measures should be instituted. This should include the installation of a tailwater gage.

- 4. Install observation wells or piezometers in the downstream embankment, and log the borings to determine engineering properties of the dam fill and foundation material. This program and a stability analysis based on the findings should be completed within twelve months.
- 5. Carry out remedial measures to the dam structure within twelve months, including replacement of eroded fill; repair of eroded, cracked and spalled concrete with epoxy cement; provision of slope protection behind the left wingwall; filling in of existing animal burrows and prevention of recurrence of burrowing; regrading of the downstream face to slope no steeper than 2H:1V; underpinning of right wingwall with concrete.
- 6. Clean and repaint all the steel-work on the spillway bridge, flashboards and operating mechanisms. Replace missing tie-bars on the flashboards, and check the flashboard timbers for rot, replacing as necessary. Replace the missing lifting chain and grease all moving parts of the operating mechanism. This work should be completed within twelve months.
- 7. Check operability of all flashboards within twelve months.
- 8. Remove trees and vegetation from the downstream embankment face and seed with grass within twelve months.

Furthermore, while of a less urgent nature, the following additional action is recommended and should be carried out within a reasonable period of time.

- 1. Consider providing a low-level discharge pipe.
- Conduct a complete topographic survey of the dam and surrounding area, in order to develop a detailed plan and several cross-sections of the dam. Annotate and update the existing drawings, and form a coherent as-built set.
- 3. A program of annual inspection and maintenance should be initiated. This should include lowering the lake, and updating the operation and maintenance log. Movement of the embankment should also be monitored by means of surveying monuments, and discharge from the drainpipe should be measured, recorded and checked for discoloration.
- Remove fish screens if no longer needed. Otherwise provide new screens and repair lifting mechanisms.

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Picatinny Lake Dam Overall view of upstream face of dam from the right.

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PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT

PICATINNY LAKE DAM, I.D. NJ00002

SECTION 1: PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General

a. Authority

This inspection was made under Contract No. DACW61-79-D-0018 with the Philadelphia District of the Corps of Engineers, in accordance with the terms of Work Order No. 2, at the request of the Facilities Engineer for Picatinny Arsenal.

b. Purpose of Inspection

The visual inspection of Picatinny Lake Dam was made on July 12, 1979. The purpose of the inspection was to make a general assessment as to the structural integrity and operational adequacy of the dam embankment and its appurtenant structures.

c. Scope of Report

This report summarizes available pertinent data relating to the project; presents a summary of visual observations made during the field inspection; presents an evaluation of hydrologic and hydraulic conditions at the site; presents an evaluation as to the structural adequacy of the various project features; and assesses the general condition of the dam with respect to safety.

1.2 Description of Project

a. Description of Dam and Appurtenances

Picatinny Lake Dam is an earth-fill embankment, approximately 15 feet high, having a gated concrete spillway towards the right side of the dam. A concrete bulkhead wall, 500 feet long and of indeterminate height, has been constructed along the upstream face, with its top elevation at 713.5 feet NGVD. The spillway is 61 feet long between wingwalls and is trapezoidal in section with an ogee profile on the downstream face. It is subdivided by concrete piers into a central channel and two side channels, and flow is regulated by manually raised flashboards. No discharge facility exists for lowering the reservoir below 708.7' NGVD (lowest spillway crest elevation).

Pedestrian access across the spillway consists of a concrete and steel footbridge, from which the flashboard raising mechanisms are operated. Fish-screens have been provided and these also are raised and lowered manually from the footbridge. A 5-inch diameter insulated steam-line and 4-inch diameter air-line pass over the spillway, and surface-borne oil is prevented from polluting the downstream area by a floating barrage. A stainless steel headwater gage, giving readings to NGVD, is fixed to the bulkhead wall, to the left of the spillway.

The earth embankment of the dam is considered to be made up of glacial till with many boulders, and not founded on or keyed into the underlying Kittatinny Dolostone bedrock. The embankment is rather poorly defined, except near the spillway where the downstream slope is approximately 1.5H:lV. Towards the left end, the embankment broadens into a wide (>100 feet), gently sloping section. On top of the left embankment is the paved approach road and building (337) of the hunting and fishing club.

b. Location

Picatinny Lake Dam is located on the Picatinny Arsenal, Morris County, New Jersey. It is accessible by means of Reilly Road.

c. Size and Hazard Classification

Picatinny Lake Dam has a structural height of 15 feet and a reservoir storage of 294 acre-feet. Since its storage is less than 1,000 acre-feet and its height is less than 40 feet, it is classified in the dam size category as being "small." A hazard potential classification of "high" has been assigned to the dam on the basis that overtopping or failure would result in excessive damage to industrial buildings of an important strategic nature. Part of the industrial center of the arsenal is located within the potential flood path, and the possibility exists of the loss of more than a few lives. Within approximately 5 miles downstream, and in the potential damage zone are State Route 15, Interstate 80 and the Town of Dover.

d. Ownership

Picatinny Lake Dam is owned by the Department of the Army.

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e. Purpose of Dam

Picatinny Lake Dam impounds water for industrial use. The reservoir provides cooling water to the Power and Steam Generating Plant on the left bank, and supplies the fire hydrant system. It also feeds six 150,000 gallon storage tanks. In addition, the reservoir is used for recreational boating and fishing.

f. Design and Construction History

The earliest records of the dam are from reconstruction drawings dated 1904, which show an existing head-race and gate structure to the left of the present spillway. The drawings indicate an earth embankment with a core-wall, and give details for an unregulated concrete spillway with wingwalls. Elevations are not given, nor is the material of construction for the core. Plans for a new headrace are shown, but details are not available.

A later modification was made to the spillway in 1936 by the Works Progress Administration. The extent of this work included the addition of the two spillway side-channels adjacent to the original spillway section, and an extension to the rear apron.

By 1946, the moveable flashboards and chain gear apparatus had been installed, and the moveable fishscreens were in place. A photograph dated 1946 shows the spillway structure in substantially the same condition as at present, having the footbridge and the insulated steam-pipe across the spillway.

It could not be ascertained when and to what depth the concrete bulkhead wall was constructed, but it appears on a drawing dated 1967.

The spillway was rehabilitated due to its poor surface condition in July, 1968. Seepage from the embankment, above the old headraces, was investigated in 1968. Following the presentation of a report on the investigation, a system for draining the seepages through French drains to a 6-inch diameter drain-pipe was installed. Details of this installation are not available. The masonry wingwall extensions were built at this time. No major construction has been made on the dam since 1968.

g. Normal Operating Procedures

Operation of the dam and reservoir is the responsibility of the Water Systems Tender who is on 24-hour call. The reservoir level is normally controlled by raising the flashboards in the side spillway channels. A minimum water surface elevation of 709' NGVD must be maintained, to supply the Power and Steam Plant cooling intakes. However, it is also required to maintain a flow downstream to provide cooling water for industrial buildings and to feed

suction lines to fire-trucks.

In the event of a forecast of heavy rainfall, the operator will raise the flashboards to draw down the reservoir before the flood.

The operator works by his own judgement, based on many years experience, and operation has thus far proved to be satisfactory. However, no formal procedures exist to prevent, for instance, flooding of the downstream reaches from excessive discharge over the spillway.

1.3 Pertinent Data

a. Drainage Area 10.2 square miles

b. Discharge at Dam Site

Maximum known flood at dam site: Never known to have been overtopped.

Spillway capacity at elevation of 1,248 cfs top of dam (flashboards raised): (elev. 713.5' NGVD)

c. Elevation (NGVD)

Top of dam: 713.5'

Maximum pool design surcharge (SDF stage): 718.7'

Normal pool: 712.4'

Top of flashboard (closed position): 712.4'

Spillway crest (low point): 708.7'

Streambed at centerline of dam: 698.5'

Maximum tailwater: 710' (estimate)

d. Reservoir

Length of maximum pool: 6,000 + feet (estimate)

Length of normal pool: 5,500 + feet (estimate)

e. Storage (Acre-feet)

Spillway Design Flood Pool: 693

Top of dam: 294

Normal pool: 150

Spillway crest: 59

f. Reservoir Surface (Acres)

Normal pool: 64

g. Dam

Type:

Length:

Height:

Top width:

Side Slopes - Upstream:

- Downstream:

Zoning:

Impervious core:

Cutoff:

Grout curtain:

h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel

N/A

i. Spillway

Type:

Length of weir:

Crest elevation (low point):

Gates:

U/S channel:

D/S channel:

j. Regulating Outlets

Low-level Outlet:

Emergency gate:

Controls:

Earth fill with concrete spillway.

500 feet

15 feet

Varies (15 feet minimum to in excess of 100 feet) Vertical with concrete bulkhead.

1.5H:1V steepest.

Partially known.

Not confirmed.

Not confirmed.

None.

Gated concrete dropped overflow.

55.2 feet (effective)

708.7' NGVD

6 manually raise flashboards.

Subdivided by 2 bridge piers into 3 channels.

Green Pond Brook.

None.

Flashboards to lower level to 708.7' NGVD minimum.

Manually operated chain mechanism.

SECTION 2: ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 Design

Design drawings from 1904 give original plan and cross-sections of the dam and spillway. However, no data on foundation material are shown. The 1968 Embankment Investigation Report gives data on soil borings, permeability and seepage, local contours, a partial construction history, and the relevant extracts from the unpublished 1962 Passaic River Report. A stability analysis was performed in the investigation, but it is not included. Data on the hydraulic adequacy of the spillway are contained in the 1962 Passaic River Report and in a 1969 Hydrology and Hydraulics Study of the dams at Picatinny Lake and Lake Denmark.

2.2 Construction

Data is not available concerning the as-built condition of the dam, and the 1968 survey uncovered no trace of a masonry core. However, the location of the two disused headraces was confirmed and evidence of an impervious blanket was found. Photographs of the spillway after the 1936-42 rebuilding are on file, and the before and after photographs of the 1968 refacing of the spillway are also available. It is not known in detail how the recommended remedial measures were implemented. A drawing dated 1967-71 giving details of proposed repairs to the spillway was available for inspection.

2.3 Operation

Formal operation records are not kept for this dam and reservoir. All operation data was obtained verbally from the Water System Tender and from the Civil Engineer for the Facilities Engineering Division.

2.4 Evaluation

a. Availability

All engineering data quoted were available from the Facilities Engineering Division. Drawings prepared by the WPA in 1936 are referred to in some of the reports, but could not be located.

b. Adequacy

The engineering data available was sufficient to make a preliminary assessment of the stability of the dam. However, it was not adequate to develop accurate existing cross-sections. Details of the concrete bulkhead wall are insufficient. Data concerning the measures taken in 1968 to drain the seepage are not adequate. The 1969 Hydrology and Hydraulics Study examines the effect downstream of a flood with an expected 50-year return period. For a Phase I study this is not adequate, but the report contains some

useful information on the ground floor elevation of important downstream buildings. The 1962 Passaic River Report gives the predicted flow rate for a PMF, but information on the method used to obtain the flow rate is not available.

c. Validity

The validity of the 1904 drawings is questionable, with regard to the as-built spillway and the core. The validity of the dam height given in the data is questionable. The validity of the 1962 and 1969 Hydraulic and Hydrologic Studies could not be assessed because of a lack of back-up information on the methods used, and therefore the results of the studies are not incorporated into this assessment. As a result of the visual inspection and limited measurements taken, the remaining available data was found to be valid.

SECTION 3: VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Findings

a. General

The visual inspection of Picatinny Lake Dam revealed that the dam and spillway were in serviceable condition, but that some remedial action followed by a regular program of inspection and repair was required to maintain its serviceability. The reservoir stage was not lowered below the spillway crest for the inspection.

b. Dam

The earth embankments appear to be basically sound. No surface cracking on the embankments or at the toe was noted. The attitude of trees on the downstream face indicated that the slopes were not subject to creep or sloughing. Erosion of the embankments was limited to a worn footpath behind the left wingwall and minor undermining of the masonry section of the right wingwall. The steepest slope found was 1.5H: LV in the sections within approximately 100 feet on each side of the spillway. In this area a heavy growth of trees and brush was found, and a few animal burrows. No appreciable misalignment of the bulkhead wall in the vertical or horizontal plane was found. At the steps near Building 337, some cracking was noted, indicating local settlement due to the construction of the steps. Hairline shrinkage cracks in the gunnite surfacing of the bulkhead wall were found. No seepage was found in any portion of the downstream embankment face. A 6-inch diameter drain-pipe was discharging water into an open drain in front of Building 333 at a rate not exceeding 3 gpm (visual estimate). This pipe is reported to drain seepage water from a french drain over an old headrace. This source could not be confirmed at the inspection. The headwater gage attached to the bulkhead wall was in good condition.

c. Appurtenant Structures

1. Spillway

The spillway was basically in good condition. The gunnite refacing exhibited minor shrinkage cracks, a small hole (2" x 4") in the central portion of the ogee and minor erosion at the waterline. No undermining of the toe was apparent and the new masonry wingwalls were sound, apart from being slightly undermined. Flow was predominently smooth, and was discharging mainly from the side channels. In the central section, flow was concentrated towards the left side, but this was considered to be due to the partially open flashboard and not to any significant horizontal misalignment. No low-level outlet is provided.

2. Bridge, Piers and Services

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The steel and concrete foot-bridge over the spillway was found to be structurally sound. Surface rusting of the steel stringers and handrailing was noted. On the bridge piers and abutments, minor spalling of concrete was observed, and the steel protection was rusted surficially. The insulated 5" diameter steam line and the 4" diameter air-line appeared to be adequately supported and to present no hazard to the dam.

3. Gates and Operating Equipment

The timber spillway flashboards exhibited minor signs of rot, but this was difficult to verify. Steel reinforcement of the flash-boards was rusted and some tie-rods were missing. The steel gate-guides were rusted and somewhat congested with debris, and appeared to be a tight fit.

The handwheel operating mechanisms were locked, but were reported to be operational. The steelwork was mildly rusted and one chain was detached from a flashboard. Moving parts were short of grease.

4. Fishscreens

The 1/2-inch gauge steel fishscreens on the upstream side of the footbridge are totally deteriorated and unserviceable. Raising and lowering mechanisms appeared operational but were not tested.

d. Reservoir Area

Sedimentation is reported to be negligable. The slopes surrounding the reservoir are steep and heavily wooded, and an access road runs around the rim. A few industrial and storage buildings are located around the reservoir, and some small-boat landing stages were noted on the banks. A railroad and steamline run along the right bank, and on the left bank near the dam are the cooling water outlet and intakes for the Power and Steam Plant. The oil slick barrage appeared to be capable of functioning satisfactorily.

No evidence was found for a potential massive slide into the reservoir, but boulders are known to occasionally fall down from the steep right bank.

e. Downstream Channel

The downstream channel is well defined and has a rocky, horizontal stream bed, approximately 15 feet wide, with 8 to 12 foot high banks. The banks are sloped at 1H:1V, are covered with trees and vegetation and are protected in places with rip-rap. No

seepage was detected in the banks within 200 feet downstream of the spillway. Artificial steps have been formed with loose boulders in the stream bed, but blockage by debris is minimal. A steel road-bridge and a steam pipe cross the stream approximately 350 feet downstream of the spillway. Green Pond Brook flows through the industrial center of the arsenal, and joins the Rockaway River, 5 miles downstream at Dover.

SECTION 4: OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 Procedures

Operation of the dam and reservoir is the responsibility of the Water Systems Tender who is on 24-hour call. The reservoir level is normally controlled by raising the flashboards in the side spillway channels. A minimum water surface elevation of 709' NGVD must be maintained, to supply the Power and Steam Plant cooling intakes. However, it is also required to maintain a flow downstream to provide cooling water for industrial buildings and to feed suction lines to fire-trucks.

In the event of a forecast of heavy rainfall, the operator will raise the flashboards to draw down the reservoir before the flood.

The operator works by his own judgement, based on many years experience. However, no formal procedures exist to prevent, for instance, flooding of the downstream reaches from excessive discharge over the spillway.

4.2 Maintenance of the Dam

The dam is maintained on an irregular schedule, as and when the need for repairs becomes pressing. There is no regular program of inspection and maintenance. Maintenance of the dam is under the jurisdiction of the Facilities Engineering Division of Picatinny Arsenal.

4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities

The operating facilities consist of the flashboards and their lifting mechanisms, and the fishscreens. These facilities are under the day-to-day supervision of the Water Systems Tender, and sufficient maintenance has been carried out to insure the operability of at least two flashboards. All the facilities exhibit signs of a lack of regular maintenance.

4.4 Evaluation

The operational procedures for Picatinny Lake Dam have so far proved satisfactory, but the lack of formally approved procedures relating reservoir stage, rainfall etc. to the number of gates to be raised is not considered conducive to satisfactory future operation.

The maintenance procedures for the dam and operating facilities are considered to be inadequate, because there is no regular program of inspection and maintenance.

SECTION 5: HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

5.1 Evaluation of Features

a. Design

The drainage area above Picatinny Lake Dam is a total of 10.2 square miles, comprising a drainage area of 4.5 square miles above Lake Denmark Dam upstream, an additional drainage area of 4.5 square miles above the confluence of Green Pond Brook with Burnt Meadow Brook, and a local drainage area of 1.2 square miles between Picatinny Lake Dam and the confluence. A drainage map of the watershed of the dam site is presented in Appendix D.

The topography within the basin is steeply to moderately sloped. Elevations range from approximately 1,260 feet NGVD at the north-east end of the watershed to about 715 feet at the dam. Land use patterns within the watershed are mostly forest, with light industrial development. The hydraulic and hydrologic studies of 1962 and 1969 were not used as a basis for this study. The evaluation of the hydraulic and hydrologic features of the lake was based on criteria set forth in the Corps Guidelines and additional guidance provided by the Philadelphia District, Corps of Engineers. The SDF for the dam falls in a range of 1/2 PMF to PMF. In this case the high end of the range, PMF, is chosen since the factors used to select hazard classification are on the high side of the range.

The probable maximum flood (PMF) was calculated from the probable maximum precipitation using Hydrometeorological Report No. 33 with standard reduction factors. Due to the presence of Lake Denmark Dam and Green Pond upstream, the following method was used to develop the inflow hydrograph for Picatinny Lake Dam. The SCS triangular unit hydrograph with the curvilinear transformation was used to develop the inflow hydrograph for Lake Denmark Dam, and for Green Pond Brook (neglecting the reservoir of Green Pond) up to its confluence with Burnt Meadow Brook. The Lake Denmark hydrograph was routed to the confluence, at which point both hydrographs were combined. The hydrograph thus obtained was routed downstream to Picatinny lake, taking two intermediate sections and considering channel storage, and combined with the local inflow hydrograph for Picatinny Lake Dam. The HECl-DB Flood Hydrograph Computer Program was used.

Initial and infiltration loss rates were applied to the Probable Maximum Precipitation to obtain rainfall excesses. The rainfall excesses were applied to the unit hydrograph to obtain the PMF and various ratios of PMF utilizing program HECl-DB.

The SDF peak outflow calculated for Picatinny Lake Dam is 22,562 cfs

This value is derived from the PMF, and results in overtopping of the dam.

The stage-outflow relation for the spillway was determined from the geometry of the spillway and dam, and is shown in the Hydrologic Computations (Appendix D).

The reservoir stage-storage relationship was computed directly by the conic method, utilizing the HECl-DB program. The conic method assumes that the reservoir capacity resembles a series of vertically stacked cones. The reservoir surface areas at various elevations were measured by planimeter from U.S.G.S. Quadrangle topographic maps. Reservoir storage capacity included surcharge levels exceeding the top of the dam, and the spillway rating curve was based on the assumption that the dam remains intact during routing.

A breach analysis indicated that the hazard potential for loss of life downstream, due to dam failure from overtopping, is not significantly greater than that which exists without failure. At a lower flow (say 10% of the PMF), there will be a rise of 2.4 feet in water surface elevation at the downstream reach due to dam failure, but this does not significantly increase hazard to life.

A drawdown computation was made to determine the time required to lower the reservoir from 712.4' NGVD to the lowest drawdown elevation, 708.7', with all flashboards open. Assuming a constant inflow of 2 cfs/square mile, the time to lower the reservoir is 25 hours, and this is considered to be adequate. Provision of a low-level outlet to empty the reservoir should be considered, but the following points should be noted: only 59 acre-feet of storage exists below elevation 708.7'; there is a risk of inadvertantly allowing the reservoir stage to fall below the elevation of the cooling intakes to the Power Plant. Drainage of the reservoir, if required, could be achieved by syphon.

b. Experience Data

The greatest known flood to have occurred at this site was in October, 1903, before the existing dam was constructed. No records of reservoir stage or spillway discharge are maintained but it is known that the dam has not been overtopped in its present form.

c. Visual Observation

Industrial development below the dam is extensive. Immediately below the dam is Building 333 and its attendant 2,400 volt electrical sub-station. Overhead electric cable pylons are located on the stream banks, with their bases below the maximum predicted stage. Further downstream are administrative and industrial buildings of the arsenal, and these are of an important strategic nature.

By inspection, the most likely location of breach in the event of overtopping is at the narrowest cross-section, adjacent to the spillway.

d. Overtopping Potential

A storm of magnitude equivalent to the SDF would cause overtopping of the dam to a height of 5.2 feet. Computations indicate that the spillway can pass approximately 6% of the PMF without overtopping the dam crest. Since the PMF is the Spillway Design Flood (SDF) for this dam, and since the hazard potential for loss of life downstream due to dam failure caused by overtopping is not significantly greater than that which exists without failure, the spillway capacity for Picatinny Lake Dam is assessed as "inadequate."

SECTION 6: STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

a. Visual Observations

There are no signs of distress in either the earth embankments or the spillway of Picatinny Lake Dam. Horizontal and vertical alignments are good. The slope on the downstream face of 1.5H:lV is considered excessively steep, but no sign of sloughing was noted. No uncontrolled seepage was found in any part of the dam or downstream channel. The controlled drainage from above the old headraces was clear of silt, and has functioned well for 10 years. Undermining of the downstream portion of the right wingwall poses no immediate threat to stability but should be corrected in the near future. The large trees observed growing near the spillway could pose a threat to stability.

b. Design and Construction Data

Available design and construction data were adequate to make a preliminary assessment of the stability of the dam. Based upon a review of the embankment investigation report of 1968, it is unlikely that the earth fill dam or concrete spillway is founded on or keyed to bedrock. The investigation indicates that the predominant foundation material is a compact gravelly, sandy glacial till of generally medium permeability. This same material was likely used in construction of the dam itself.

c. Operating Records

No operating records are available relating to the stability of the dam. The dam has served satisfactorily since its raising at the turn of the century.

d. Post-Construction Changes

A detailed history of the dam is given in Section 1.2.f. The principal changes relating to the stability of the dam are: lengthening of the spillway and provision of flashboards between 1936 and 1942: construction of the concrete bulkhead at an unknown date: measures taken in 1968 to reduce the harmful effects of seepage: construction in 1968 of downstream spillway wingwalls.

e. Static Stability
A static stability analysis of the spillway was made in the 1968
embankment investigation. For a reservoir stage of 713.5' NGVD
(top of dam), the factors of safety against overturning and
sliding were 1.31 and 1.38 respectively. These are both below
the accepted minimum of 1.5, but in view of past performance and
present condition, they are considered adequate.

Based on a review of available data and on the findings of the visual inspection, the preliminary assessment of the static stability of the embankment is that it is satisfactory. However, this can only be confirmed by detailed analysis, based on additional information on constituent soil parameters, foundation conditions and embankment cross-sections.

f. Seismic Stability

A major fault passes several hundred feet west of the dam, along the base of Green Pond Mountain. This is a very ancient fault and considered to be completely inactive.

The dam is located in Seismic Zone 1, as defined in Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, prepared by the Corps of Engineers. In general, projects located in Seismic Zones 0, 1 and 2 may be assumed to present no hazard from earthquake, provided the static stability conditions are satisfactory and conventional safety margins exist. Since static stability safety factors are considered to be adequate, seismic stability may be assumed to be satisfactory. A geologic map is presented in Plate 2.

SECTION 7: ASSESSMENT/REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment

a. Safety

The dam has been inspected visually and a review has been made of the available engineering data. This assessment is subject to the limitations inherent in the visual inspection procedures stipulated by the Corps of Engineers for a Phase I report.

The adequacy of Picatinny Lake Dam is in question because the dam does not have adequate spillway capacity to pass the PMF without overtopping. Overtopping of the dam carries with it the danger of possible progressive failure of the dam or spillway. The dam's present spillway capacity can pass only about 6% of the PMF.

No definitive statement pertaining to the safety of the embankment can be made without acquisition of embankment and foundation material engineering properties and determination of phreatic levels in the downstream part of the embankment. The present embankment, however, has performed adequately since its construction, without failure or evidence of instability.

b. Adequacy of Information

The information and data uncovered is adequate to perform an approximate evaluation of the dam's stability. However, it is not adequate to develop accurate embankment cross-sections, or engineering parameters of the embankment soil and foundation to perform a rigorous analysis. The following information is also deficient: details of the concrete bulkhead, hydrologic information, 1968 remedial measures taken to control the seepage problem.

c. Urgency of Studies

All recommended studies should be conducted under the supervision of an Engineer who is experienced in the design, construction and inspection of dams.

A more precise hydrologic and hydraulic analysis of the dam should be conducted within six months, to determine the need and type of mitigating measures necessary. This should include the installation of a tailwater gage, and determination of the ability of the dam to withstand overtopping.

Observation wells or piezometers should be installed in boreholes in the downstream slope of the embankment to obtain soil samples and to determine the location of the phreatic surface. The borings should be logged according to the Unified Soil Classification system by qualified personnel and samples taken to determine the values of pertinent soil parameters. Stability analyses should then be performed in accordance with Chapter 4.4 of the Corps Guidelines. This work should be commenced within 12 months.

A complete topographic survey of the dam area should be made within 12 months, in order to develop a detailed plan and several cross-sections of the dam. The location of utilities on the dam should be shown in the drawings, and any benchmarks shown.

7.2 Remedial Measures

a. Alternatives for Increasing Spillway Capacity

Alternatives for increasing spillway capacity are as follows:

- Increase the dam and bridge height, thus permitting a higher discharge to pass over the spillway and reducing the possibility of overtopping.
- 2. Lower the weir crest elevation.
- 3. Widen the weir structure.
- 4. A combination of any of the above alternatives.
- b. Other Remedial Measures, to be undertaken within 12 months.
 - The embankment material that has been lost by erosion from the downstream face, adjacent to the left wingwall of the spillway, should be replaced with quarry-process stone, and slope protection should be provided to prevent recurrence of the erosion due to use of the area as a footpath.
 - All embankment slopes which are steeper than 2H:1V should be regraded, by addition of suitable material, to a slope no steeper than 2H:1V.
 - Investigate embankment for animal burrows and fill in the burrows with a suitable material. Implement measures to prevent recurrence of burrowing.
 - Provide concrete underpinning to the right downstream wingwall.
 - Repair all eroded, cracked and spalled concrete with epoxy cement.
 - Clean and repaint all the steel-work on the spillway bridge, flashboards and operating mechanisms. Replace missing tie-

bars on the flashboards, and check the flashboard timbers for rot, replacing as necessary. Replace the missing lifting chain and grease all moving parts of the operating mechanism.

- 7. Check operability of flashboards.
- 8. All brush and trees should be removed from the downstream slope to avoid problems which may develop from their roots. The embankment should then be seeded to develop a growth of grass for surface erosion protection.

c. Recommendations

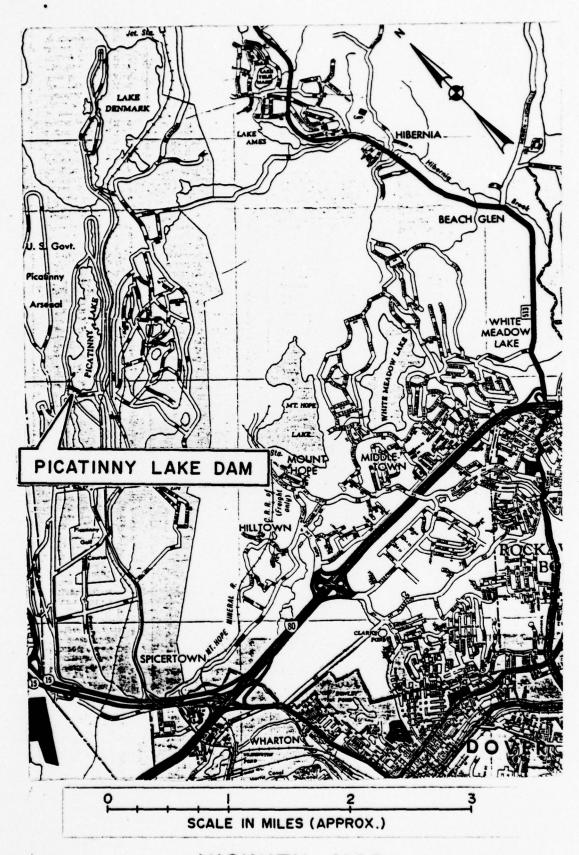
The following additional action is recommended.

- 1. Consider providing a low-level discharge pipe.
- 2. Establish a flood warning system for the downstream communities within three months.
- 3. Review the present operational procedures, and develop specific guidelines on gate operation and emergency procedures. The guidelines, to be agreed upon by upstream and downstream users and by all parties concerned, should be implemented within 12 months.
- Remove the fish screens if no longer needed. Otherwise provide new screens and repair lifting mechanisms.

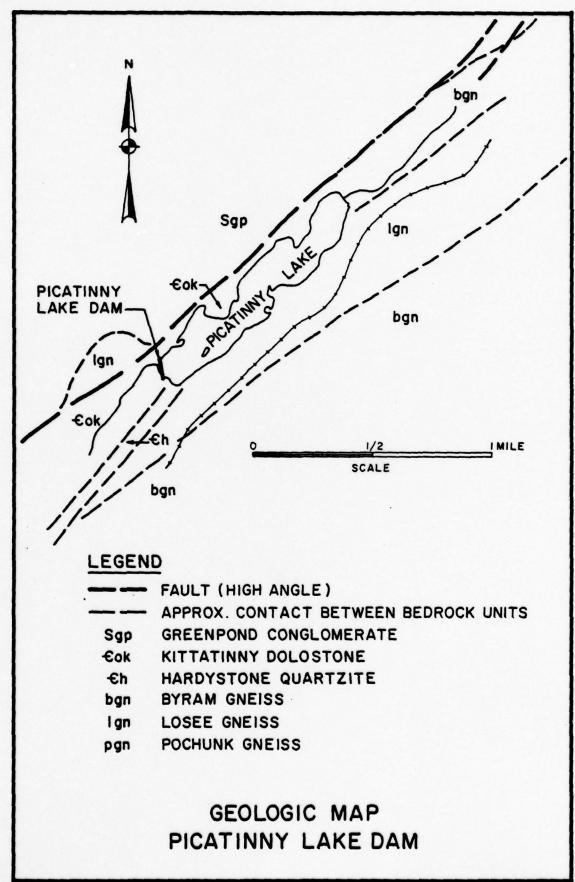
d. O & M Procedures

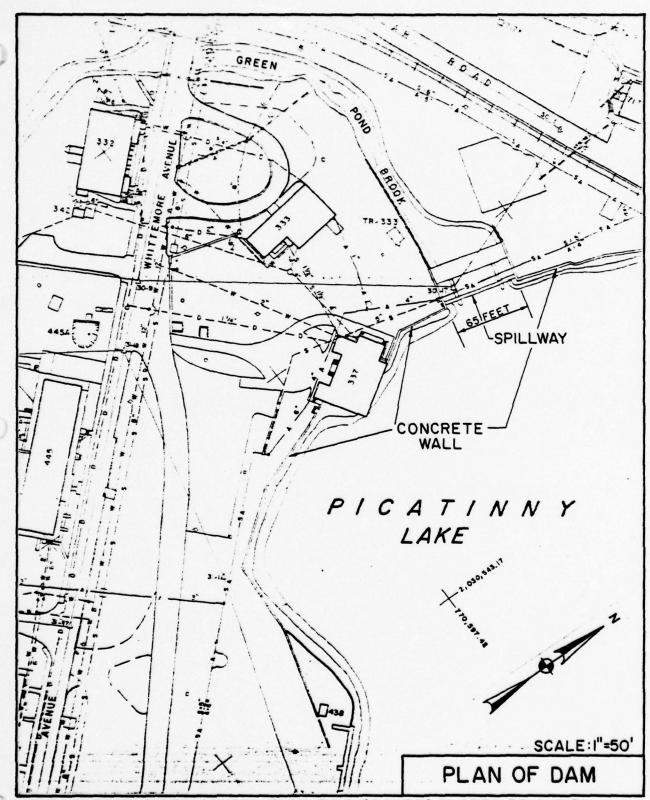
A formalized program of annual inspection of the dam by an Engineer experienced in the design and inspection of dams should be initiated, utilizing the standard visual check list in this report. Headwater and tailwater gages should be read out during severe rain storms and at routine operating and maintenance visits to the dam. A permanent log should be kept of all maintenance and operating events of the dam and the lake. Movement and settlement of the embankment should be monitored at each visit by means of surveying monuments, and discharge from the drainpipe should be measured, recorded and checked for discoloration.

PLATES

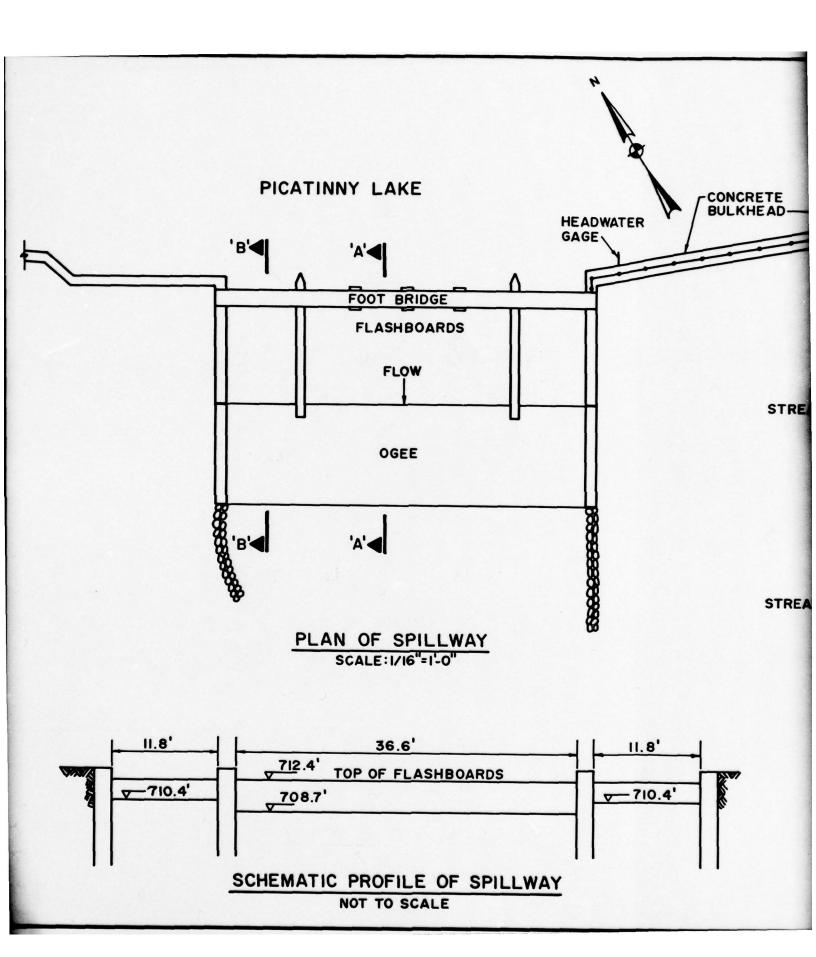


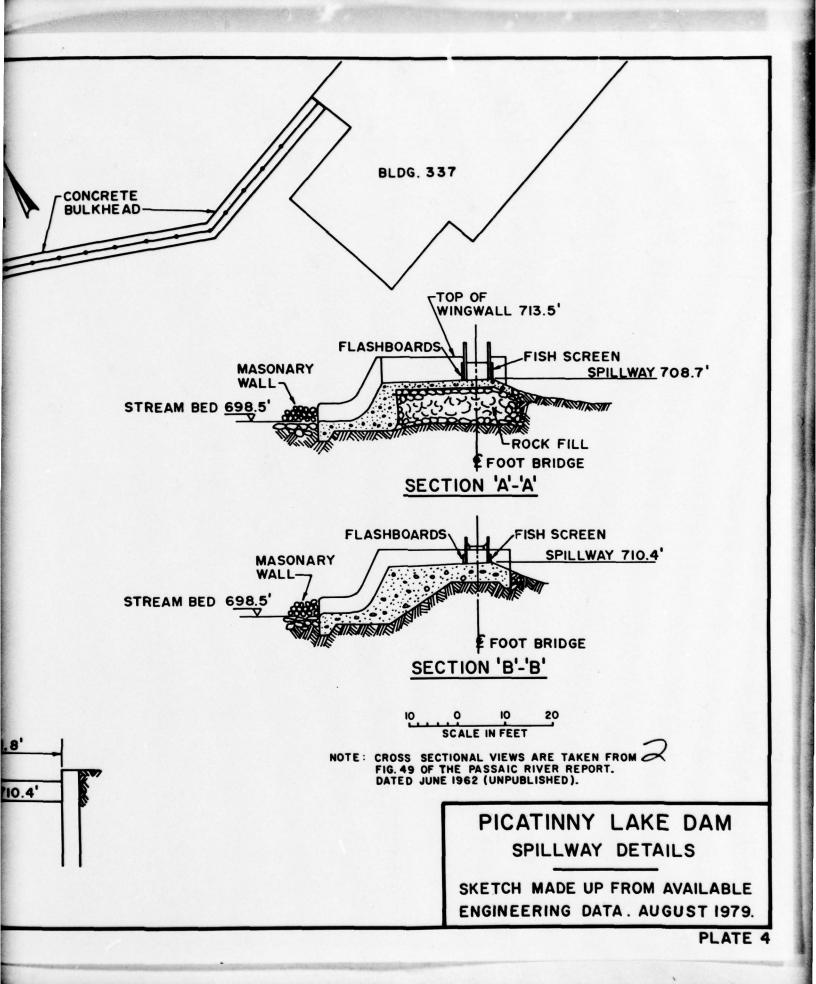
VICINITY MAP

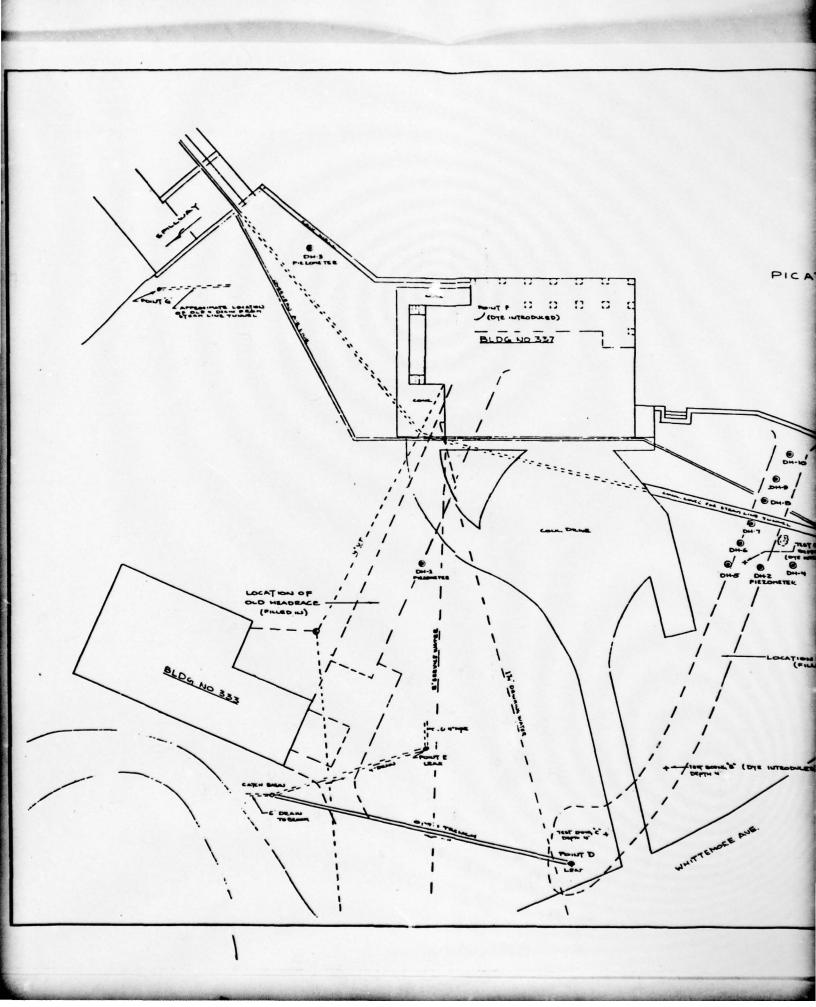


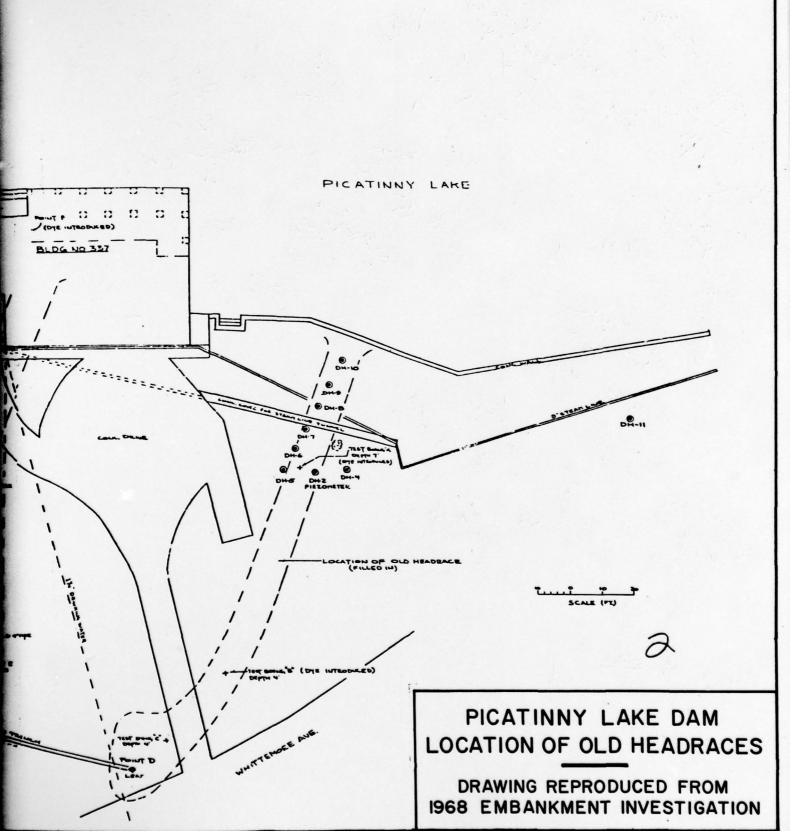


NOTE: SKETCH IS REPRODUCED FROM F.E.D. (DOVER) PLATES 30 AND 31 WITH ADDENDA.









APPENDIX A

CHECK LIST - VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

CHECK LIST - ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE DATA

CHECK LIST VISUAL INSPECTION

PHASE I

Name of Dam Picatinny Lake	County Morris	Morris	State New Jersey Coordinators C.O.E
Date(s) Inspection July 12, 1979 Weather Sunny	Weather		Temperature 70°
Pool elevation at Time of Inspection 711.5' M.S.L.	11.5. M.S.L.		Tailwater at time of Inspection 699.4' M.S.L.

Inspection Personnel:

C. Chin R. Ernest-Jones R. Fickies W. Flynn H. King

Owner/Representative:

C. Berkowitz, Civil Engineer (Facilities Engineering Division)

EMBANKMENT

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS No surface cracks noted. Both embankments we of the concrete bulkhead.	Both embankments were examined over the full length	
UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE None noted. Embankments and the downstream chimately 200 feet downstream from the spillway.	OR downstream channel were examined to approx- the spillway.	
SLOUGHING OR EROSION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT SLOPES No significant erosion noted. A few animal b downstream face, behind Building 333. The at face indicates that the slope is stable. Ste	iNT few animal burrows were found in the 333. The attitude of trees on the downstream stable. Steepest slope found was 1.5H:1V.	Measures should be taken to prevent animals from burrowing in the dam. Investigate and fill in existing burrows.
VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CREST Good. The levels taken during the survey accord with previous surveys, and a visual inspection revealed good horizontal and vertical alignment. Some cracking of the bulkhead wall near the steps by Building 337 indicated localized is not detrimental to stabil settlement.	cord with previous surveys, and a nd vertical alignment. Some by Building 337 indicated localized	Monitor alignment at routine O & M inspections. Local settlement near Building 337 is not detrimental to stability
RIPRAP FAILURES Nome. Rip-rap protection of the channel bank	channel banks was substantially intact.	

EMBANKMENT

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
VEGETATION A heavy growth of trees and brush was found on the downstream embankment face Within approximately 100 feet on each side of the spillway.	face Remove all trees and seed with grass.
JUNCTION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLWAY AND DAM No obvious signs of distress. Erosion in the area behind the left wingwall has been caused, due to its use as a footpath. Undermining of the downstream portion of the right wingwall has occurred.	Tream behind the left wingwall. Underpin the right wingwall with concrete.
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE No seepage was found in any portion of the downstream embankment face or channel banks.	
STAPP GAGE AND RECORDER A headwater gage attached to the bulkhead wall to the left of the spillway has been installed to give water levels to NGVD. The gage was in good condition.	ıy has tion.
DRAINS 1. A drain pipe, installed to drain water from the French drain over the old headrace, was discharging into an open drain in front of Building 333, at a rate of less than 3gpm (visual estimate). 2. Weepholes in the downstream wingwalls were unblocked, but not seeping water.	Monitor discharge from drain for flow rate and sediment content to check for possible commencement of piping.

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GATED SPILLWAY

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	MENDATIONS
CONCRETE WEIR Weir is of trapezoid cross-section with an ogee on the downstream face and flow is predominently smooth. The concrete surfacing is in good condition, exhibiting minor surface cracks, one small hole in the central spillway face and minor erosion at the waterline.	ace and flow Repair the deteriorated areas on, exhib- of concrete with epoxy face and mortar.	iorated areas epoxy
APPROACH CHANNEL. Subdivided into three channels by two piers. Flow passes through deteriorated fish screens. A floating oil barrier has been provided. Surface deterioration of bridge pier protection.	Clean and r protection. screens if servation. trash reten	epaint the pier Replace fish required for con- Not needed for
DISCHARGE CHANNEL Discharge channel constricts rapidly to the left after the spillway. undermining of the spillway toe was noted.	No	
BRIDGE AND PIERS Steel and concrete foot-bridge over spillway is in satisfactory condition. Light corrosion present on all steel members. Concrete piers have undergone minor erosion and spalling at water line.	Aition. Repair the deteriorated concrete with epoxy mortar. Clean and repaint steel members.	iorated con- mortar.
The spillway gates consist of six timber flashboards, capable of being raised vertically in guides by chain and handwheel mechanisms, operated from the footbridge. Handwheel mechanisms are satisfactory and one chain is detached from a flashboard. The steel reinforcement of the gates is rusty and some tie rods are missing. Gate guides appear to be a tight fit due to corrosion. The timber appeared rotten in places.	Clean and repai work on the gat operating mecha the handwheels. tie-rods and ch the timber for as necessary.	nt all steel es, guides and nisms. Grease Replace missing ain link. Check rot, and repair Check operation.

OUTLET WORKS

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
CRACKING & SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN STILLING BASIN		
None noted.		
INTAKE STRUCTURE		
OUTLET STRUCTURE		
N/A		
OUTLET PACILITIES		
N/A		Provide low-level outlet.
EMERGENCY GATE		
Flashboards in central spillway channel are all reported to be operable, capable of lowering the lake to 708.7' MSL. No other emergency gate is installed.	are all reported to be operable, SL. No other emergency gate is	Check and ensure operability of all flashboards on a regular basis.

INSTRUMENTATION

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS A benchmark to NGVD exists near the darsenal personnel.	the dam, but could not be located by	Chart location of the benchmark on a drawing.
OBSERVATION WELLS N/A		
WEIRS Flow is reported to be monitored down Treatment Plant).	downstream at Building 80 (The Sewage	Obtain records from the supervisor.
PIEZOMETERS Some capped piezometers from the 1968 place.	1968 embankment investigation are still in	
OTHERS A headwater gage in good condition and reading to MSL is attached to the concrete bulkhead. No tailwater gage exists.	on and reading to MSL is attached to the gage exists.	Install a tailwater gage.

RESERVOIR

StoppES Steep and heavily wooded, with a few industrial and storage buildings, and landing stages actuoud the rin. Inlet and outlet from Power and Steam Plant on left bank. Road running along both banks. Bailroad on right bank. Wo evidence for potential massive slide into reservoir, but boulders are known to occasionally fall down from the steep right bank. SEDIMENTATION Negligible, according to visual inspection and verbal reports. Industrial storage for plant cooling water and fire hydrant system. Feeds six 150,000 gallon storage tanks.	VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
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DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF OBSERVATIONS		REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
CONDITION (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.) Well defined channel, approximately 15 feet wide. Artificial steps bed, constructed from loose boulders, but debris is minimal. Ste bridge and steam pipe cross the stream 350 feet downstream of dam.	Artificial steps in stream s minimal. Steel road ownstream of dam.	Steam pipe and possibly bridge would be washed out in the event of overtopping.
SLOPES 8-12 foot high banks sloped at lH:1V and protected in places with rip-rap. Slopes are tree-covered. Overhead electric cable pylons are located on the right bank, with their bases approximately 8 feet above normal stream elevation, and at the top of the left bank 40 feet downstream of the dam is a 2,400 volt substation supplying Building 333.	th rip-rap. cated on the stream eleva- dam is a	Electric supply would be damaged by overtopping.
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HOMES AND POPULATION Approximately 20 occupied industrial and residential buildings of an important strategic nature are estimated to be in the PMF breach flood path. In addition, essential services and access routes in flood path.	of an impor- od path. In	"High" hazard potential is confirmed.

CHECK LIST ENGINEERING DATA DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION

ITEM	REMARKS
PLAN OF DAM	Available from Pacilities Engineering Division, Picatinny Arsenal. (copy included)
REGIONAL VICINITY MAP	County Map for Morris County. U.S.G.S. Quad Sheets for Dover, Boonton, Franklin & Newfoundland, NJ.
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY	Formal dam built 1904. History traced in a 1968 embankment investigation report, filed at the F.E.D. Picatinny.
TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM	Approximate sections available. Included.
HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC DATA	Some data given in a 1969 H & H Study, available from F.E.D., Picatinn
OUTLETS - PLAN	N/A
- DETAILS	N/A
- CONSTRAINTS	N/A
- DISCHARGE RATINGS	N/A
RAINFALL/RESERVOIR RECORDS	Greatest flood in 1903, October. No details on record.

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DESIGN REPORTS

None available.

GEOLOGY REPORTS

None available.

DESIGN COMPUTATIONS
HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULICS
DAM STABILITY
SEEPAGE STUDIES

1962 Passaic River Report, 1969 H & H Engineering Report No. 16:69, P.E.D. 1968 Embankment Investigation Report, filed at P.E.D. 1968 Embankment Investigation Report. None available.

MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS
BORING RECORDS
LABORATORY
PIELD

1968 Embankment Investigation Report 1968 Embankment Investigation Report 1968 Embankment Investigation Report 1968 Embankment Investigation Report

POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM

1946 by Senior Hydraulic Engineer, NJ State. 1968 Topographic Survey

BORROM SOURCES

Not known.

SPILLMAY PLAN - SECTIONS

Available in P.E.D. files, included.

- DETAILS

Available in P.E.D. files, included.

CHECK LIST ENGINEERING DATA DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION (continued)

ITEM	REMARKS
OPERATING EQUIPMENT PLANS AND DETAILS	Not available.
MONITORING SYSTEMS	None known to exist.
MODIFICATIONS	Spillway rebuilt in 1936 and 1942. Spillway re-faced with gunite in 1968.
HIGH POOL RECORDS	By regulating, none above 713' MSL.
POST CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS	1968 Embankment Investigation, filed at F.E.D., Picatinny.

No records kept. Water System Tender is responsible for regulating flow and works by judgement based on experience.

MAINTENANCE OPERATION RECORDS

None on record.

PRIOR ACCIDENTS OF FAILURE OF DAM

- DESCRIPTION

- REPORTS

APPENDIX B

PHOTOGRAPHS

(Taken on July 12, 1979)

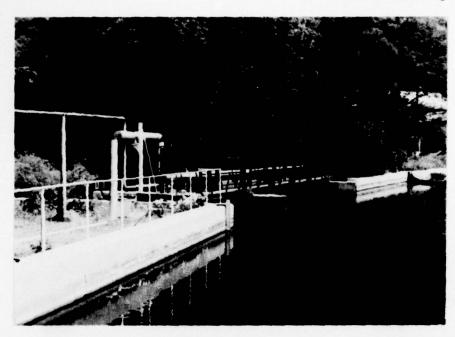


Photo No. 1 - View of upstream face of dam and spillway. Note the oil barrier, headwater gage, and the 5" \emptyset steam line and 4" \emptyset air line passing across the spillway. The trash/fish screens are totally deteriorated, but deterioration of the spillway structure is surficial only.



Photo No. 2 - View of downstream face of spillway. Note the minor deterioration on the submerged surfaces and the good overall condition.

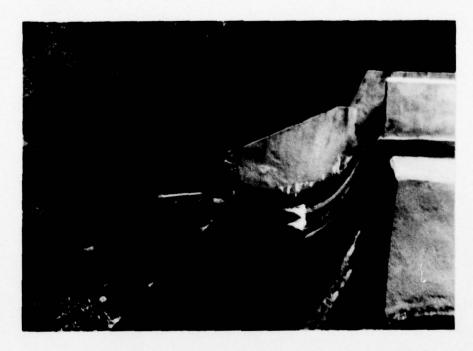


Photo No. 3 - View of right wingwall, showing the undermining that has occurred at the downstream section. Note that the right side of the channel is blocked by fill, on which trees have grown.



Photo No. 4 - View of the left wingwall and downstream channel. Note the transformer and Building 333 immediately under the dam. Note also the intact rip-rap protection.



Photo No. 5 - Detail of the footbridge over the spillway showing the surface deterioration, but good structural condition. The manual lifting devices for the flashboards are to the left of the bridge, and for the fishscreens to the right.



Photo No. 6 - Typical detail of a flashboard in the center section. The flashboard shown has been raised by 1/2 inch to permit discharge from the lake. Note the missing tension rod, the rusted condition of the guides and steel gate-parts, and the spalled concrete under the footbridge.



Photo No. 7 - Detail of the flashboard in the right section of the spillway. Corrosion in the guides would indicate difficulty of raising and lowering. Note the minor spalling of the concrete rendering, the irregular flow under the flashboard and the surface rusting of the steel components.



Photo No. 8 - Detail of drainage pipe, discharging the controlled seepage from the two old headraces into an open drain in front of Building 333.



Photo No. 9 - Typical view of downstream face of embankment sloped at 1.5H:lV and covered with trees near the spillway. Note the 1" diameter airline on the right of the picture, feeding Building 333.



Photo No. 10- View of roadway bridge 350 feet downstream of the spill-way, carrying Whittemore Avenue over Green Pond Brook. Note the steam pipe crossing the brook, and the electric cable pylon on the downstream channel bank.

APPENDIX C

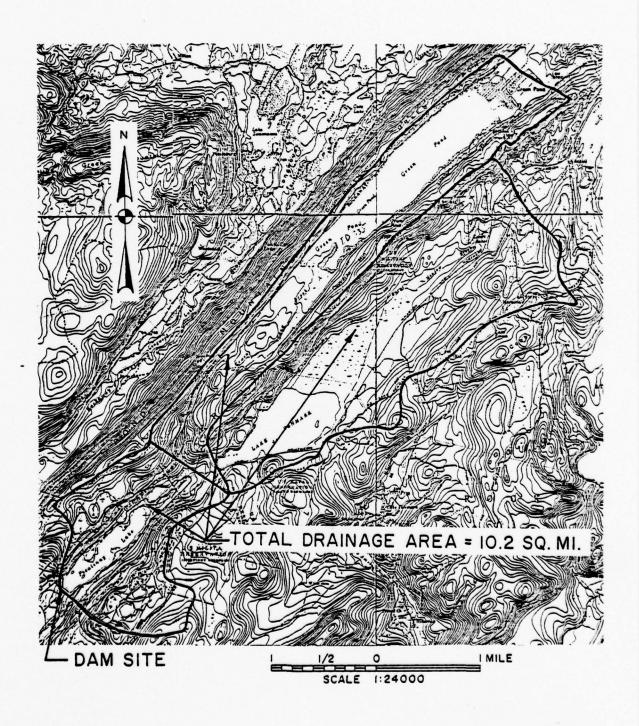
SUMMARY OF ENGINEERING DATA

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Name of Dam: Pica	tinny Arsenal
Drainage Area Characteristics:	Heavily wooded, light residential, steep slopes.
Elevation Top Normal Pool (Store	age Capacity): 712.4' NGVD (150 acre-feet)
Elevation Top Flood Control Pool	(Storage Capacity): N/A
Elevation Maximum Design Pool:	(SDF = PMF) 718.7' NGVD (693 acre-feet)
Elevation Top Dam:	713.5' NGVD (294 acre-feet)
SPILLWAY CREST	
a. Elevation	708.7' NGVD (low-point)
b. Type Gated concrete over	erflow, subdivided into 3 channels.
c. Width	15 feet
d. Length	55.2 feet (effective)
e. Location Spillover	Full length
f. No. and Type of Gates	6 timber flashboards, manually operated.
OUTLET WORK	
a. Type	None
b. Location	None
c. Entrance Inverts	None
d. Exit Inverts	None
e. Emergency Draindown Faciliti	es Spillway flashboards.
HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES	
a. Type	None
b. Location	None
c. Records	None
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APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC COMPUTATIONS



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PICATINNY LAKE DAM DRAINAGE BASIN

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Size Classification

Surface area of impoundment = 64 AC Maximum height of Dam Classification of Dam = Small SDF for small Dam High Hazand = F PME & PME PHF is considered as SDF

Hydrologic Analysis

- a) Determine Local inflow to Lake Denmark (D.A = 4.5 sq. miles)
- b) Route the inflow through the Reservoir
- c) Refer mine Local inflow of Green Fond horock (neglecting the Lake of Green Fond) upto the confluence of Burnt Madow brook, (telephone discussion with Mr. George Sauls) (D.A: 4.5) d) Add hydrograph b) & c)

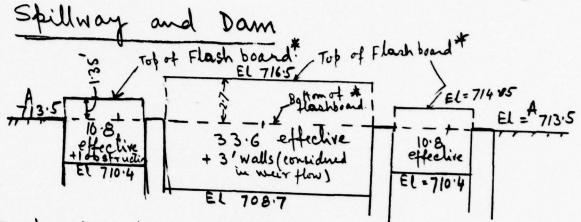
- e) Route hydrographid) up to picatinny Lake, considering valley strage.
- 1) Local inflow from the confluence to Picalinny Lake. (D.A = 1.2)
- 9) Add hydrograph e) & f)
- h) Route H.G through Dain.

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Embankment 500 ft long

Normal lake level = 712.4

From the Actual survey it is found out that there is no appreciable variation in the elevation of Dam. Assumed 713.5 (COE report)

* Flashboards are up during high flood with no freeboard.

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 No Flow over Dam.
 - B) When the water level is above 713.5 Free discharge through the spillway Weer flow over the Dam C = 2.65
 - (c) When the water level is above 714.85

 Free discharge over main spillmany
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(D) When the water level is above 716:5

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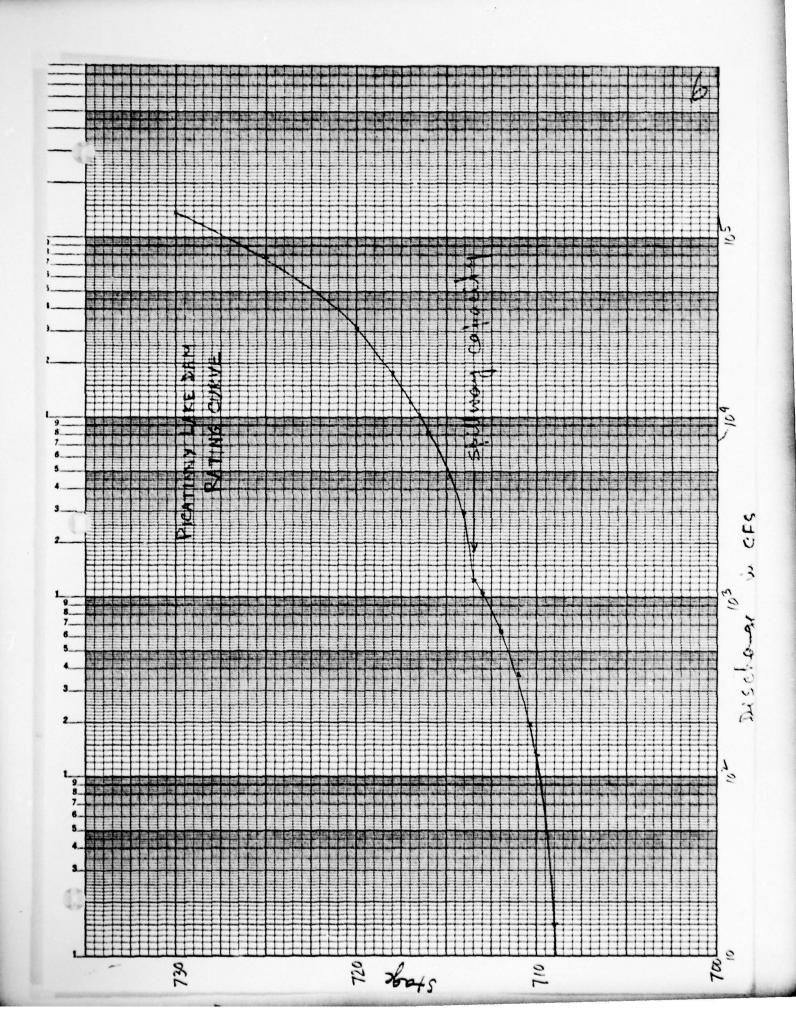
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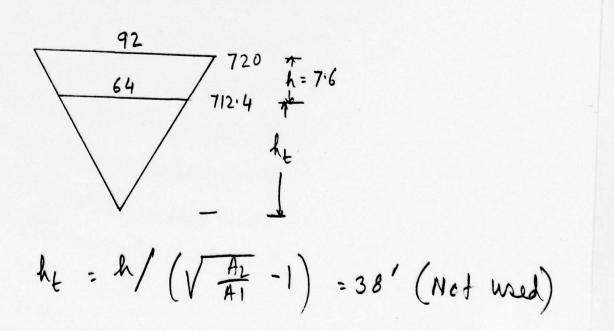
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Reservoir Stage an	ea relations:-
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Lake (712:4 Ft) (information from COE)	64 AC (From USGS Quad)
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Determination of PMP

Probable maximum Precipitation amount from HMS Report 33 = 22" (200 sq. miles - 24 hrs (The all season envelope)

Depth area duration relationship. Percentage to be applied to the above figure.

$$6 \text{ hr}' = 112 \cdot 1/2$$
 $12 \text{ hr}' = 123 \cdot 1/2$
 $24 \text{ hr}' = 132 \cdot 1/2$
 $46 \text{ hr}' = 143 \cdot 1/2$

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Determination of TC

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- 1) To Lake Denmark

 Te = 4.6 hrs

 Lag = 2.76

 (see computation for Lake Denmark)
- B) Greenfend brook up to the confluence of Burnt Moedow brook
 - 1) Estimating To from Velocity estimate and watercourse length.

Overland flow 1220-1060 3.0 Postures

2600 (where partial of Watershiel)

Vicinity Length 15,600 # No flow Lake

D/s of Green Pand 1067-770

to confluence 11,200 1.0 Natural Channel
2.7./.

 $T_c = \frac{2600}{3 \times 3600} + \frac{11200}{1 \times 3600} = 3.35 \text{ hrs}$

- 2) Estimating Te assuming same vel. 5=1.5%.

 Te = 29,400 = 5.44 hrs.
- 3) From Nonpgraph (SCS Gwide) Same as Kirpich Te = 1.7 hrs.

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Use TC = 4.6 Hrs. Lag = 0.6 TC = 2.76 hrs.

(C) From the confluence to Picatinny Lake

O slope vel

Channel 770-720

3200

- 1'56./. 1.0

Lake 5600 - Flow Thro' lake not anxious

 $Tc = \frac{3200}{1 \times 3600}$ = '88 drs

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© Estimating To assuming same vel slope $\frac{50}{8800} = .56\%$ $\frac{8800}{1.5 \times 3600} = 1.63 \text{ hrs}$

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Tc = 1 hrs.

Assume Tc = 1.63 hrs

Lag = .6 × 1.63 = 0.98 hrs.

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Sue per Al. J. Dam Institution Herr No. 13 or Pication Lake Dam Joe No. 10-A44-5 (1) Overtopping Potential of Dam 50 40 30 HMd -/20 10 10 Discharge in CFS in 103 Overtopping will occur at an elevation of 713.5 0 = 1248 cfs (≈ 6 % PMF)

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Pication Lake Dam JOB NO. 12-A

COMPUTED BY S.B CHECKED BY DATE AUG CONSULTING ENGINEERS V EL = 713.75 Top of Dam E' 7135 Bottom of Breach 100 Ft 700.00 (assumed Effect of breach was analysised at 4000 ft DIS of Dam which is considered as hazard location. At DIS Reach 100 50 PMF Water Surface 40 30 20 10 Elevation without Dam break 707.1 704.2 703.4 702:5 701:3 699.7 Water Surface 707.1 704.2 703.4 703.0 762.7 702.1 Elevation with Dam Break At 100,50 240,60 p PMF There will be no change of W.s. El at the D/S section due to Dawn of PMF the w.s. el will rise 2.4 ft.

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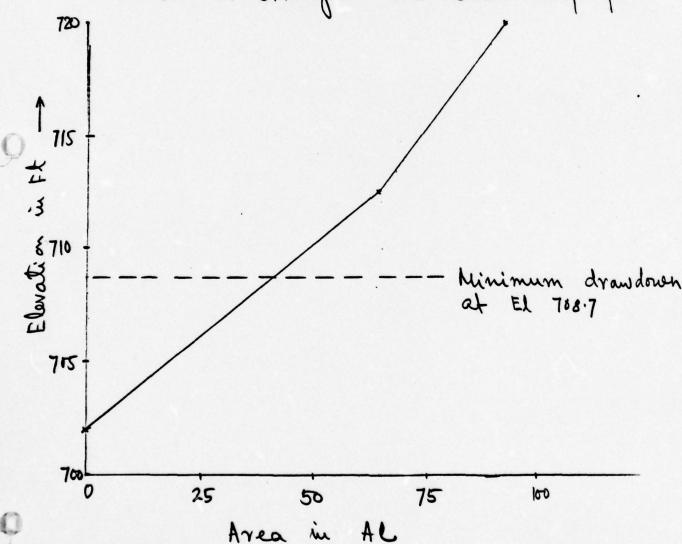
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Reservoir Evaluation

- a) Dischange Vs Head computed in pages
 2 to 6 before
- b) Area Vs. Head Assume a straight line relationship from



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c) Drainage area 10.2 sq. miles Inflow = 2 cfs/sq mile = 20.4 efs.

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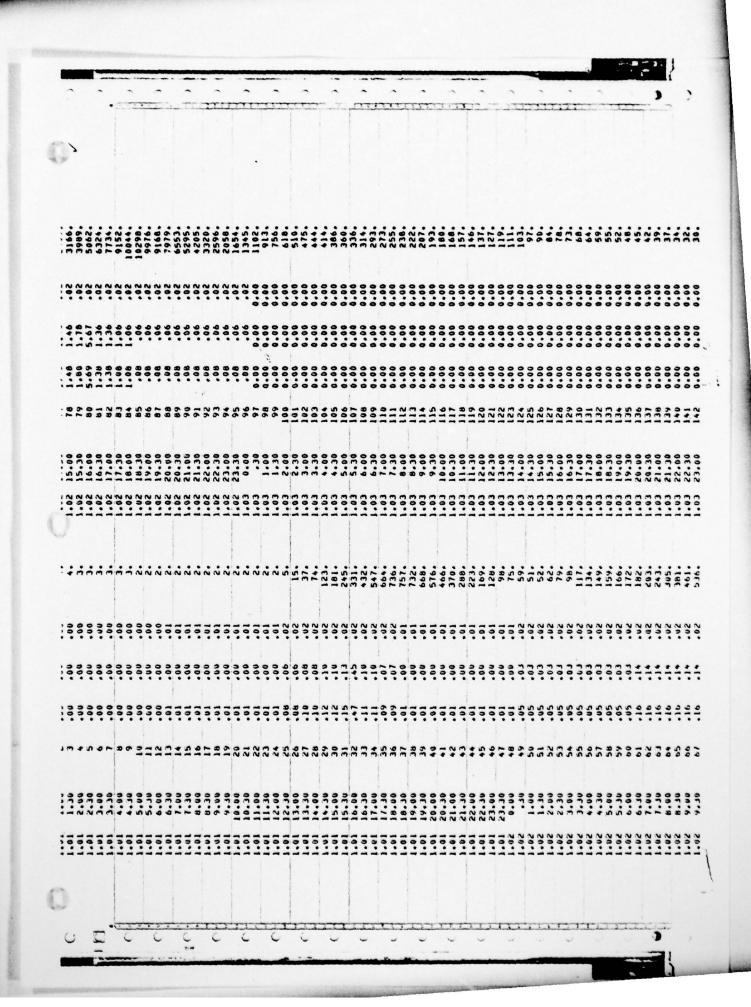
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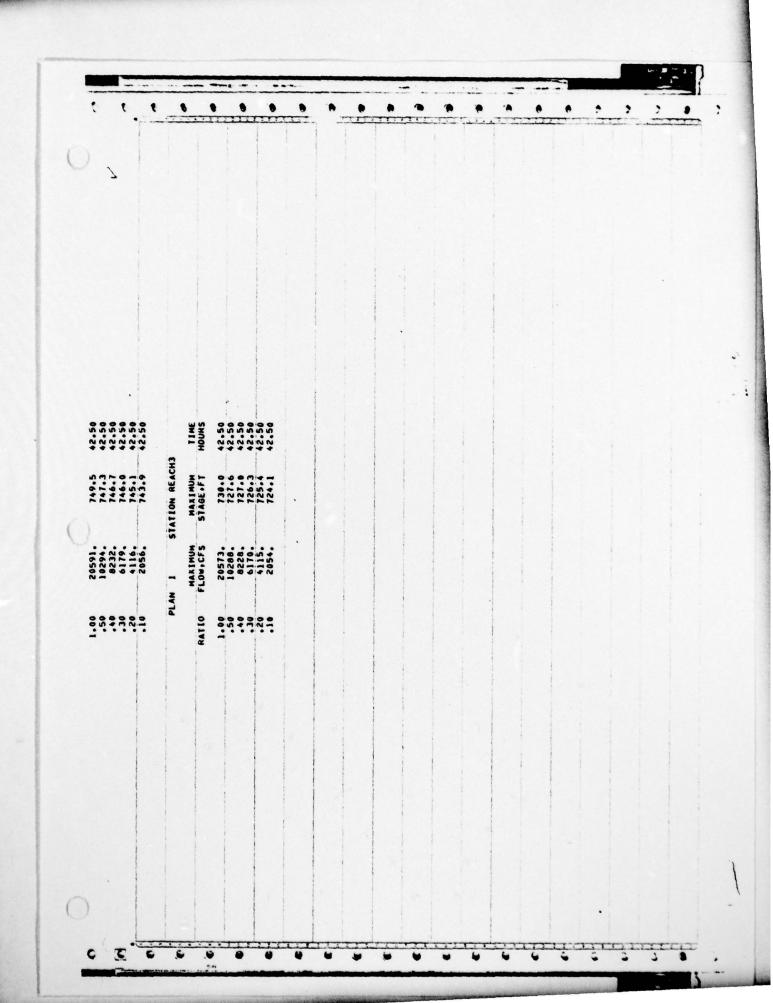
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